

# MARYLAND AND FEDERAL TOBACCO SALES LAWS

LEGAL RESTRICTIONS OF SELLING TOBACCO TO KIDS	MARYLAND LAW	FEDERAL LAW
Tobacco products may ONLY be sold to individuals age 18 or older.	✓	
Cigarettes and smokeless tobacco may ONLY be sold to individuals age 18 or older.	✓	✓
Electronic cigarettes, component parts, and liquid nicotine may ONLY be sold to individuals 18 or older.*	✓	
Retailer MUST Check ID of everyone under age 27 who attempts to purchase cigarettes or smokeless tobacco.		✓
Cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products may ONLY be sold in face-to-face transactions.*		✓
Prohibits the sale of tobacco products in vending machines unless the vending machine is located in an adult-only establishment.	✓	✓
Cigarettes may ONLY be sold in packages of at least 20.	✓	✓
Prohibits breaking or opening packages of smokeless tobacco to sell in any quantity smaller than the smallest package distributed by the manufacturer for individual use.		✓
Prohibits the sale of clove cigarettes.	✓	✓
Prohibits the sale of flavored cigarettes (excluding menthol).		✓
Prohibits tobacco companies from sponsoring any athletic or entertainment event using an identifiable logo.		✓
Prohibits minors from possessing any tobacco product or cigarette rolling papers.	✓	
Prohibits minors from using a fake ID to obtain tobacco products or cigarette rolling papers.	✓	
Prohibits selling or shipping cigarettes, ordered through the mail or over the internet, directly to a consumer.	✓	
Prohibits free samples of cigarettes.		✓
Prohibits free samples of smokeless tobacco except in a "qualified adult-only facility."		✓
Prohibits free giveaway of gifts and items with the purchase of cigarettes or smokeless tobacco or by the redemption of coupons or points earned through purchasing cigarettes or smokeless tobacco.		✓

Laws are subject to change. Visit [www.NoTobaccoSalesToMinors.com](http://www.NoTobaccoSalesToMinors.com) for the most up-to-date information.



\*While there is no state requirement, nearly half of Maryland jurisdictions have local laws that require face-to-face transactions for the sale of all tobacco products. Also, several counties and municipalities have enacted additional e-cigarette packaging and sales restrictions. Please consult your local health department for details.

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